

**STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS  
CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
Ratios	1. Current Certification Standards 2. Post rules regarding allowable capacity restrictions according to ages of children in care	1. Current Certification Standards 2. Post rules regarding allowable capacity restrictions according to ages of children in care	1. If caring for 6 or fewer children, no more than 3 infants unless an assistant is present. If caring for more than 6 children, no more than 3 under the age of 24 months unless an assistant is present. (Includes own and related children.)	1. Level 3 restrictions, and maximum capacity of 9. (May care for up to 3 own or related children in addition to 6 unrelated.)
Curriculum	3. Current Certification Standards regarding curriculum 4. Attend an Overview of STARS for KIDS NOW 5. Posted plan of program activities 6. Posted daily schedule 7. Agree to complete FDCRS within 1 year. Improvement plan in place by 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, or appointment has been made with R&R to create a plan. 8. At least one family involvement activity annually	Level 1 requirements plus: 3. A written plan for family involvement 4. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 2) 5. Completed a FDCRS with an average program score of 3 6. Develop an annual improvement plan using technical assistance from the R&R, and within 4 years, have an average score of 4 on the FDCRS. 7. Reads to children daily	Level 2 requirements plus: 2. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 3) 3. An average program score of 4.5 on FDCRS 4. Must score not applicable <u>or</u> at least 5 on "Use of TV" on FDCRS (Item #24) - Provider limits use of TV to programs and video games regarded as good for children ( no more than 2 hrs/day). Activities are provided as an alternative while TV is on.	Level 3 requirements plus: 2. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 4) 3. An average program score of 5.5 on FDCRS 4. Accreditation by state approved national accrediting organization
Training	9. Current Certification Standards 10. Introduction to KY Early Childhood Scholarship program (part of Overview) 11. Provider creates and implements a written training plan	Level 1 requirements plus: 8. At least 1 staff on duty has current CPR/First Aid training 9. 3 additional clock hours of training annually as per certification standards (for a total of 9 hours) <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential, CDA, Family Child Care Director's Credential, Montessori Certificate, AA or higher in Early Childhood (related)	Level 2 requirements plus: 5. Basic Orientation training for assistants 6. 3 annual training hours for assistants 7. Provider has a total of 18 clock hours of training annually <u>or</u> Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher. 8. By 4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation in STARS, provider must have CDA or higher.	Level 3 requirements plus: 5. Provider has received Family Child Care Director's Credential* <u>and</u> CDA, AA or higher in Early Childhood (related) degree  * Prior to 7/1/04, 21 clock hours may substitute
Business Practices	12. Have written program policies that include: fees, holidays, vacation, late fees, illness, hours of operation, who may pick up a child, and a plan for how information is shared daily with parents 13. Use a written Parent/Provider Agreement	Level 1 requirements plus: 10. Maintain a financial/program record-keeping system	Level 2 requirements plus: 9. Provide families with a written daily report for children age 2 and under 10. Parents are provided with a handbook that contains the program's policies	Level 3 requirements plus: 6. Be a member of an Early Childhood professional organization
Regulatory Compliance	Current Certification in good standing	Current Certification in good standing	Current Certification in good standing	Current Certification in good standing